## The Council Report

**AUGUST 2001** 

News from the Friendship Heights Village Council the elected governing body of the Special Tax District of the Village of Friendship Heights



## **Council Approves Village Facility for Rescue Squad**

We are pleased to announce a wonderful new service coming soon to the Village. The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad will be opening a satellite facility on the second floor of the Councilowned house at 4602 North Park (the same building that houses the Police Field Office). After a presentation by the Rescue Squad and discussion at the August 13 Council meeting, the Council approved the donation of the second floor space for the facility.

Having a rescue squad operation in the middle of the Village has the potential to be a tremendous benefit to our community. Response time for a medical technician would be reduced significantly when personnel are available. The rescue squad is also concerned about increasing traffic and congestion between their headquarters on Battery Lane and destinations both in our area and in northwest DC.

The concept will involve the placement of paramedic personnel and a single vehicle at 4602 (either an ambulance or a "chase car", meaning a smaller vehicle that would have advanced life support system but would not transport passengers). The chase car or ambulance will then be dispatched to respond to calls from our immediate vicinity. They will have a faster response time than the standard rescue vehicles coming from the main station (Battery Lane in Bethesda), and

will provide a quick first response with personnel and lifesaving equipment. The Rescue Squad will pay to equip the facility.

We have always tried to work beyond our own resources to bring additional services to Village residents. The Field Office, the MVA mobile office, and the bookmobile are examples where cooperative alliances have been successful. This cooperative effort with the B-CC Rescue Squad has the potential to be a wonderful benefit to the Village.

We anticipate having the Rescue Squad move into their new space by the end of December or early January, once County approval has been received. In the meantime, we will make sure the space is ready to occupy and we look forward to their arrival.

## **Council Awards Rothstein Scholarship Winners**

The Council has awarded \$2,500 each to **David Murphy** and **Christopher Folts** under the



**David Murphy** 

Robert & Sylvia Rothstein Educational Scholarship. Mr. Murphy, a resident of The Elizabeth, is entering

his sophomore year at Claremont McKenna College in Claremont, CA. He is considering a degree and



**Christopher Folts** 

career in government.

Mr. Folts, a resident of 4615 North Park, is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree at Syracuse University.

Congratulations to these two terrific candidates, and our thanks to all those who applied.

—Melanie Rose White Mayor

The Council took the following actions at the August 13, 2001, meeting:

- Announced selection of Rothstein Educational Scholarship winners (see above);
- Approved selection of Steve Richter as utility consultant to develop drawings for removal and relocation of overhead utility lines;
- Heard presentation from B-CC Rescue Squad; approved donation of space at 4602 North Park for use by Rescue Squad (see above).



The New Shuttle Bus Is Here!

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